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WHAT'S NEWS IN THE MARKETS?

(USDA Food Bulletin for the week ended Aug. 4, 1950)

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 1---Cantaloups have worked their way to the top of the list to be a Best Buy this week, along with plums, peaches, and blackberries.

Good Buys from the fruit department include bananas (lower), Thompson Seedless grapes, watermelons, honeydew melons, Gravenstein apples, and Black Mission figs.

In the Fair Buy class are lemons, oranges, nectarines and Bartlett pears.

Among the vegetables the week's Best Buys include carrots, celery, corn, cucumbers, Bell peppers, and soft squash.

Good Buys are cauliflower, eggplant, lettuce, okra, and peas.

And in the Fair Buy class this week are snap beans and cabbage.

Meat --

Recent rush-purchases of other items have been reflected in a slower demand for meat. Beef, veal and lamb have been in sufficient supply this past week, while the supply of pork loins has become considerably larger than in recent week due somewhat to a big volume from the Mid-west. As a result, prices have dropped around \$6.00 per hundredweight on pork loins. Smoked bacon has advanced \$2.00 per hundredweight, and lard has gained \$1.00 per hundredweight. Beef -- mostly of Commercial and Good grades -- has held unchanged in price, along with veal and lamb. Mutton -- in more demand -- has gained \$2.00 per hundredweight.

Butter --

With Butter production showing a marked reduction, supplies in the San Francisco wholesale market are moderate and selling at slightly higher prices on top grades. Grades A&A (1st Quality) are quoted to retailers up 1-cent from a week ago at 66-1/2 to 69 cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-lb. prints. Grade B (2nd Quality) remains unchanged at a quotation of 64 to 65 cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-lb. prints.

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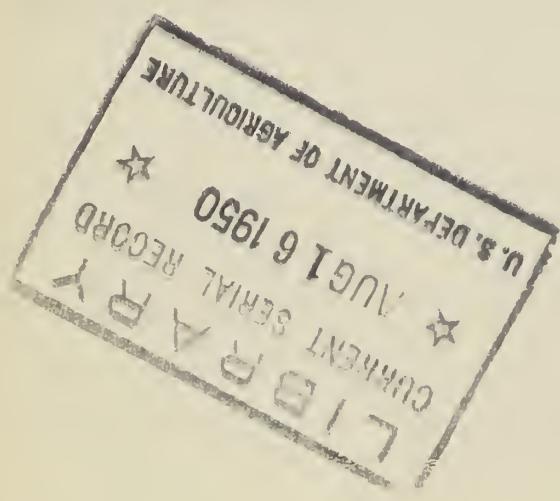
Eggs

Egg production is continuing its seasonal downward trend, so that storage stocks are being used to supplement receipts. Under a good demand, prices are on an upward trend. Large and medium sizes are quoted 2 cents above a week ago, with Grade "A" Large going to retailers at 54 to 55 cents per dozen in cartons, and Grade "A" Mediums at 51 to 52 cents per dozen in cartons. The price range on Grade "A" Smalls has edged upwards to a level of 35 to 36 cents per dozen in cartons to retailers.

Poultry --

An improved demand for moderate offerings of dressed poultry has resulted in higher prices. Broilers are selling 2 cents per pound above a week ago; fryers and roasters are up 1-cent per pound; Leghorn hens are 1 to 2 cents per pound higher; colored hens are up 1-cent per pound; and ducks and rabbits are selling at prices slightly above a week ago.

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SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 8----This week's Best Buys in fruit include peaches, cantaloups, blackberries, Thompson Seedless grapes, and honeydew melons.

Among the Good Buys are Gravenstein apples, Black Mission figs, bananas, watermelons, and plums.

Citrus fruits (lemons, oranges and grapefruit) are a Fair Buy, along with nectarines and Bartlett pears.

Topping the list of Best Buys in vegetables are celery, carrots, cucumbers, and eggplant.

In the Good Buy class are beans, corn, Bell peppers, and soft squash.

Tomatoes are a Fair Buy this week, as are cabbage and lettuce.

Meat --

Demand for meat has continued rather slow in the San Francisco wholesale market. On the other hand, there has been some improvement in supplies, with beef coolers showing signs of a good current supply. Prices are little changed from a week ago. Although supplies of pork loins have become more stabilized under light mid-western shipments, prices are down \$2.00 to \$4.00 below a week ago. Commercial and Utility grades of veal and calf have dropped about \$1.00 per hundredweight. Lard in light supply has advanced \$1.00 per hundredweight. Otherwise prices are unchanged from last week.

Butter --

As the result of liberal supplies from the Central West, there is more than enough butter to take care of the rather slow demand in the San Francisco wholesale market. Grades A&W (1st Quality) are quoted to retailers 1/2-cent below a week ago at 66 to 68-1/2 cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-pound prints. Grade B (2nd Quality) is unchanged at a quotation of 64 to 65 cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-pound prints.

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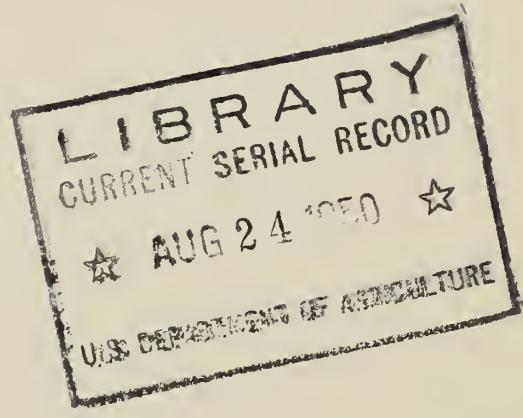
Eggs --

Liberal offerings of eggs from the Central West have slowed down the recent upward price trend so that prices have held unchanged from a week ago on all grades and sizes. Quotations to retailers are: Grade "A" Large, 54 to 55 cents per dozen in cartons; Grade "A" Mediums, 51 to 52 cents per dozen; and Grade "A" Smalls, 35 to 36 cents per dozen in cartons.

Poultry --

High meat prices have stimulated consumer demand for poultry, but generally supplies are sufficient and prices are little changed from a week ago. Leghorn broilers are selling 1-cent per pound higher, while old roosters have gained 4 cents per pound. All other classes are unchanged.

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(USDA Food Bulletin for the week ended Aug. 18, 1950)

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 15---Grapes (Thompson Seedless, Ribier, and Muscat) are a Best Buy in fruit this week, along with freestone peaches, cantaloups, honeydew and Persian melons.

In the Good Buy class are blackberries, bananas, watermelons, Gravenstein apples, figs, and plums.

Fair Buys this week include nectarines, Bartlett pears, and citrus fruits.

Best Buys from the vegetable bin are snap beans, carrots, celery, cucumbers, and eggplant.

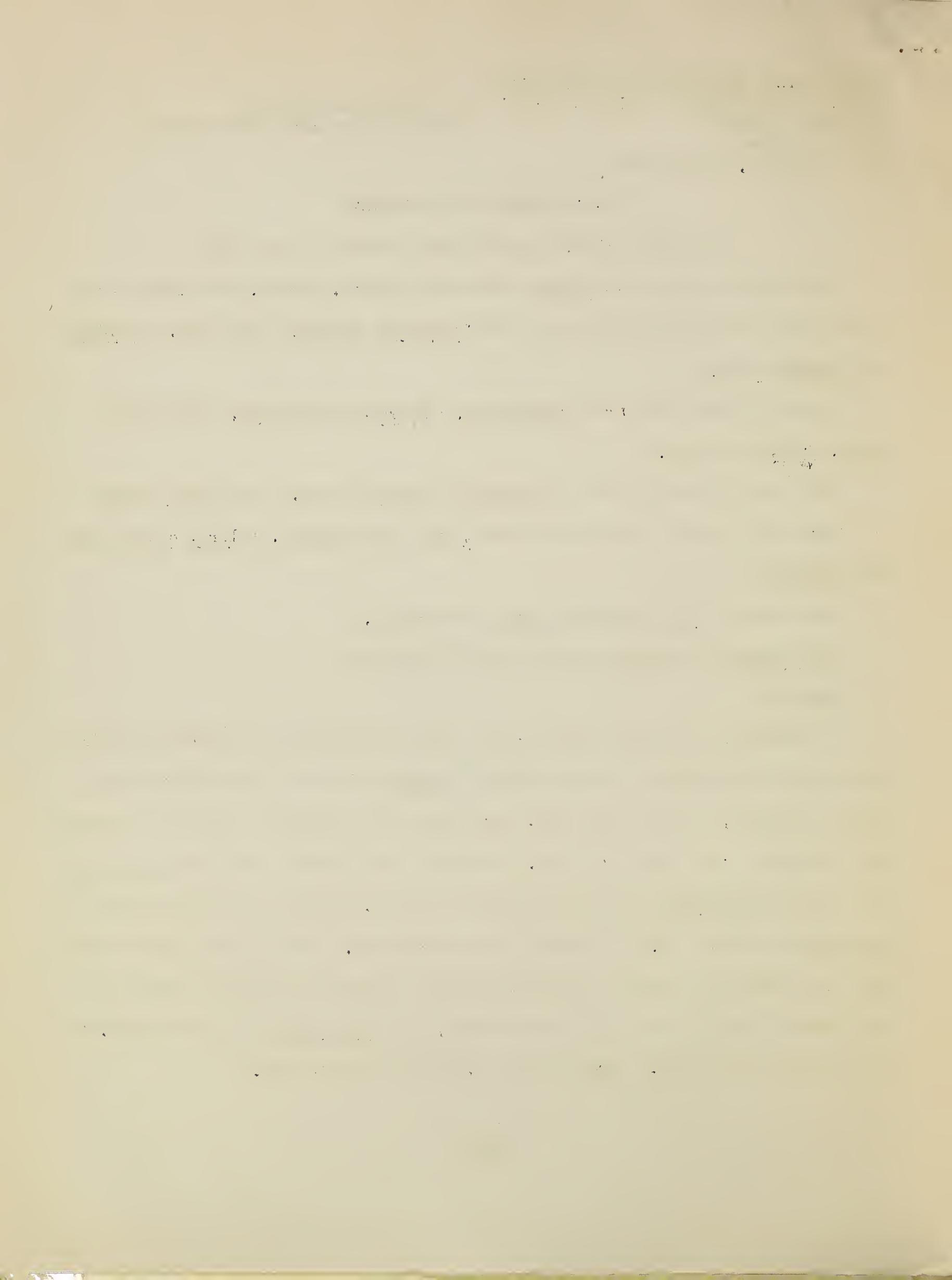
Good Buys are corn, lettuce, peas, and tomatoes.

Soft squash and cabbage are the week's Fair Buys.

Meat --

A combination of warmer weather and a sharp curtailment in forward buying has resulted in a considerably slower demand for meat in the San Francisco wholesale market. Supplies, on the other hand, have been good. Beef has sold on a downward price trend the past week, with Good, Commercial and Utility grades of steer beef and Commercial cow beef down \$1.00 per hundredweight. Cutter and Canner grades of cow beef have dropped \$2.00 to \$3.00 per hundredweight. For the most part, prices have held unchanged on other classes, although Commercial and Utility grades of veal dropped \$1.00 to \$2.00 per hundredweight, and pork loins sold unevenly \$2.00 per hundredweight higher. Lard dropped \$1.00 per hundredweight.

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Butter --

Although western butter production continues on the downgrade and registered a sharp drop during the week ended August 10, it is still around 6 percent larger than a year ago. Top grades are up 1-cent from a week ago, with Grades A&AA (1st Quality) quoted to retailers at 67 to 69-1/2 cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-lb. prints. Grade B(2nd Quality) is unchanged at 64 to 65 cents per pound.

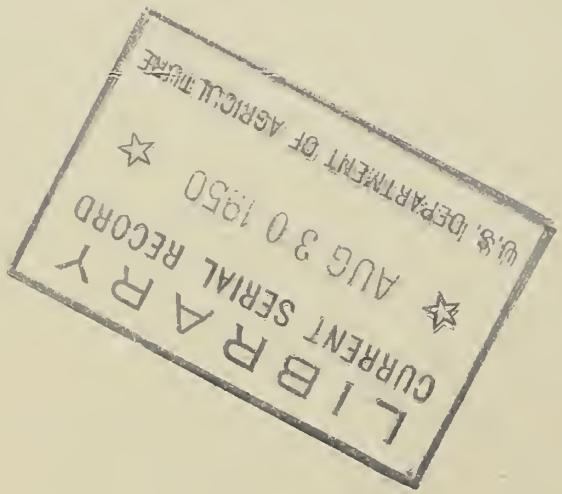
Eggs --

Under a moderate demand for slightly better supplies of eggs, Grade "A" eggs have held practically unchanged in price from a week ago. Grade "A" Large are still quoted unchanged to retailers at 54 to 55 cents per dozen in cartons, as are Grade "A" Smalls at 35 to 36 cents. Grade "A" Mediums have dropped 1-cent to a quotation to retailers of 50 to 51 cents per dozen in cartons.

Poultry --

With the exception of broilers and heavy type hens, supplies of dressed poultry are fully ample for the good demand. Prices have advanced 1-cent per pound on broilers and heavy colored hens. Otherwise all classes are unchanged in price from a week ago.

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(USDA Food Bulletin for the week ended Aug. 25, 1950)

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 22--- Freestone peaches are the week's Best Buy in fruits, followed by cantaloups as a Good Buy.

Among the Fair Buys are melons (Cranshaw, Persian, honeydews), plums, grapes (Thompson Seedless and Ribiers), Gravenstein apples, oranges, and watermelons.

Best Buys in vegetables this week are snap beans, carrots, celery, corn, eggplant and lettuce.

Good Buys include cabbage, cucumbers, peas, and tomatoes.

And soft squash is a Fair Buy.

Meat --

Demand for meat has continued slow to fair in the San Francisco wholesale market. In most cases, supplies have been more than adequate. Prices are little changed from a week ago, although demand for beef has been for immediate needs only and prices have sagged \$1.00 per hundredweight on Good grade steer beef and on Commercial grade cow beef. Beef loins have dropped \$4.00 per hundredweight from a week ago. And beef ribs and chucks have dropped \$1.00 to \$2.00 per hundredweight. Also down \$1.00 to \$2.00 per hundredweight are both fresh and smoked hams and picnics. Pork loins, though, have gained \$2.00 per hundredweight. Lard has dropped \$1.00 per hundredweight.

Butter --

Butter is in good demand at prices unchanged from a week ago. Grades A&M (1st Quality) continue at a quotation to retailers of 67 to 69-1/2 cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-lb. prints; and Grade B(2nd Quality) remains at 64 to 65 cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-lb. prints. Supplies are ample for all needs.

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Eggs --

Contrary to the recent trend, local egg production has shown an increase for two consecutive weeks. Demand is fairly good at prices unchanged from a week ago. Quotations to retailers are: Grade "A" Large, 54 to 55 cents per dozen in cartons; Grade "A" Mediums, 50 to 51 cents per dozen; and Grade "A" Smalls, 35 to 36 cents per dozen in cartons.

Poultry --

Supplies of all classes of dressed poultry are reported adequate for demand, which is expected to continue good as long as a favorable price ratio exists between poultry and red meats. Broilers and lightweight Leghorn hens are selling 1-cent per pound below a week ago, while fresh young hen turkeys -- in rather slow demand -- are down 2 cents from a week ago.

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